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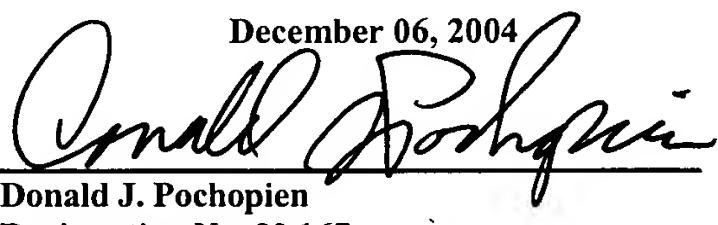
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In response to the Official Action of 10/04/04 (the "Official Action"), for which a response is due 01/04/04, Applicants timely file this Request for Reconsideration on 12/06/04 (12/04/04 being a Saturday) to obtain a written advisory action. This Request includes the following:

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